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**PATENT**  
**Docket No. GC816**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re Application of	)	
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Aehle, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1639
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Serial No.: 10/688,255	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: October 16, 2003	)	
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For: GENERATION OF STABILIZED PROTEINS	)	
BY COMBINATORIAL CONSENSUS MUTAGENESIS )	)	

**Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 4.